

our churches, clergy, and schools. The Right Rev. Dr. England, of Charlestown, by whose apostolic efforts churches are in progress of erection in the Island of Hayti, accompanied with a decent provision for the clergy,—after eloquently expatiating on the necessity of a well educated and efficient Priesthood, proceeded thus: “But you are well aware that qualification is not sufficient. They must, when found qualified, be properly ordained and duly sent, and although they should be animated with an apostolic spirit, and fully disposed according to the Saviour’s injunction, to be content with food and raiment during their sojourn on earth, though their bread should be to do the will of him who sent them, yet it is necessary that they should have provision for this food, for this raiment, and be also furnished with means for attending in those places to which they are called by the duties of instruction and of administration. Our’s is not a district in which old and long endowed churches are found scattered through the land, in sufficient numbers to meet the demands of the people: our’s is not a district in which the members of the church are found, either sufficiently wealthy or sufficiently contiguous, to sustain by their united efforts in their immediate vicinity, the pastors whom they need and whom they desire, and however anxious the clergy may be to devote themselves to the service of this people, even for this devotion they will want the common necessities of decent support. How many are desirous of hearing the word of God and partaking of the instructions of religion, who are scattered widely distant from places where any churches are built! How speedily do these neglected souls lose their fervor! How quickly does hopelessness produce indifference in their minds. How easily are the indifferent, regardless of the truth or falsehood of doctrine, induced to conform to the external observances of the society in the midst of which they live!” What an exact portraiture of the state and condition of this Province, at least as far as the Catholics are concerned, has this able and exemplary Prelate drawn. And can any one, not absolutely demented, not perceive that the same melancholy results would follow—that, indeed, they are not, now, of daily occurrence, owing to the great want of churches and clergymen. The same admirable sentiments are set forth in the pastoral letter of the Archbishop of Baltimore and Bishops in Council. “In those countries where parochial or other benefices exist, the incumbent, when worn out by labor or age, or incapacitated by sickness or accident, is not cast